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Mr Pat Patterson  
3706 Briley St.  
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Dear Mr Patterson:

Our last letters must have crossed in the mail. I had mailed you one one day and received one from you the next day. That is why none of the questions in your letter had been answered.

I am sending your letter to Mr Manley and Mackey in Jacksonville where the team is training. Mackey would have to decide about the position you would play. I can understand how you feel about wanting to play the spot you feel you can do the best in, but ballclubs often run into the problem of having to shift a man some place else. I am sure the owner, manager and ballplayer have only one thought in mind, and that is to have the best team possible, and have each man where he will do the most good.

About the salary, we go over our set up very carefully and plan salaries on the basis of service rendered, and length of service, etc. It creates a bad feeling when some one on the team feels he is getting less than some one else, when he has been around longer and always has given his best, and thinks he is just as good a player. When we offer a man a salary we feel it is fair and as high as we can go. Let's don't quibble about \$25.00.

I asked you in my last letter would you be in condition to play when you reported. Also when would you be able to report? I have told you the season open up May 4th.

Mr Manley may write you directly from Jacksonville, but I will appreciate an answer from you in case he doesn't.

Very Truly Yours